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DEAD MAY BE 200,000 WORST DISASTER KNOWN

All Italy Stunned as the Magnitude of the Great Calamity Grows---Reggio Another Pompeii. Property Loss Over Two Hundred Millions Americans Are Known to Be Dead.

Rome, (Later).—As the details of one of the most appalling disasters recorded in the history of the world are being unfolded in the dispatches coming in today from Calabria and from Sicily, this story of indescribable horror and calamity that the earthquake of Monday wrought in havoc and destruction, cannot be estimated. Italy is stunned by the visitation, yet the full measure of the catastrophe cannot be taken. The calamity grows with every fresh dispatch from South Calabria, dotted with small towns and villages and the local newspapers are reporting almost hourly casualties that run from hundreds to thousands.

—Dead May Reach 200,000. It is still impossible to reach an accurate estimate of the dead but it is placed anywhere between 100,000 and 150,000 and in some quarters it is declared the final number will be as high as 200,000.

Half the population of Calabria and Eastern Sicily has apparently perished and countless thousands of wounded men, women and children are lying in the ruins. It is impossible to succor all the alive. The numbers of wounded are on their way to other cities and are still without medical aid. The devastated districts are still filled with half demented survivors starving and wandering aimlessly in the ruins. The ruins are still burning.

The King and Queen arrived in Messina today, both personally aiding the injured and their example is a wonderful example to the country. Everything possible is being done to forward the work of relief but the railroads in the afflicted districts have been put out of commission.

Rome, Italy, Dec. 30.—Half the population of Calabria and the eastern part of Sicily are dead and the other half is weeping. From the latest estimates today it is feared the total number of victims in Sicily and Calabria will reach to more than one hundred thousand, while the damage to property will approximate several hundred millions.

As the great extent of the seismic disturbance becomes apparent, it seems impossible to exaggerate the results which have followed them. The calamity which has overwhelmed Italy is almost beyond imagination, not only because of the dead but of the innumerable injured buried in the ruins many of whom will perish, because it is impossible to rescue them from the wrecks of their former homes. The whole city is absolutely stunned and at the scene of the disaster, the bulk of the people are literally demented with the suddenness and the extent of the blow.

King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena arrived at Messina today. As they made their way into the ruined town, the scene of disaster and horror proved too much for the Queen, who almost swooned. Crowds of terror-stricken persons swarmed around the Royal party, throwing themselves into the mud and screaming for pity and aid.

As further facts concerning stricken Messina become available they corroborate the worst fears entertained. The cathedral, municipality buildings, barracks and prisons are all destroyed, and presumably all the smaller buildings met the same fate.

Of two hundred and eighty railway employees at the station at Messina only eight survived.

Torpedo boat which was sent to aid the sufferers at Reggio returned to Palermo today reporting that nothing was left of that city but a heap of ruins.

There was a slight earthquake at Palermo last evening and it created a terrible panic. There was a general stampede to the squares and open places. The churches were looted and the

sacred vessels were carried out and through the streets by the terror-stricken people, praying for a cessation of the earthquake scourge.

Following the earthquake there now seems imminent danger of starvation and pestilence. Thousands are absolutely without food and tens of thousands of bodies must remain unburied for so long that the horrors of pestilence seems almost certain.

The entire shore line of the Straits of Messina is utterly changed by the upheaval, while on the waters, which swept the stricken cities in tidal waves, still float refuse of every description, matted with human bodies.

A National Committee will be formed to collect funds for the aid of the victims, headed by the Duke of Aosta, and the list has been opened by a contribution of \$40,000 by King Victor Emmanuel. All the banks, clubs, civic and commercial associations and newspapers have offered subscription lists.

Stromboli Is Active. The volcano of Stromboli is active and the seas around the island are agitated and dangerous to navigation.

The Pope has telegraphed the Archbishop of Palermo, a large sum of money and instructed him to proceed to Messina immediately to help the survivors.

Persons arriving at Calanzaro from the coast state Messina is still blazing despite the torrential downpour of rain.

Reports received indicate that thirty-five towns and villages have been wiped out in the outlying districts of Calabria, while the number of the dead in that district alone is 35,000. The few survivors are mad with terror and have fled to the forests and mountain tops, where they are subsisting on roots and the bark of trees.

Rome (afternoon) There is no news up to one o'clock this afternoon of the fate of A. S. Cheney, the American counsel at Messina, and his wife. All private and official efforts to ascertain whether he is still alive have resulted in failure.

J. P. Morgan has sent \$10,000 to the relief of the earthquake sufferers.

Cablegram communication with the Aeolian Islands, 251 miles north of Sicily is interrupted. It is evident the line is broken and it is feared these islands are also devastated. The chief city of the group is Lipari and the capital. The population is 12,000.

10,000 Dead in Bagnara. Catanzaro, Calabria, Dec. 30.—A report received here this morning says the town of Bagnara on the coast to the north of Reggio, is completely wiped out, fire finishing the work of destruction. The report says: "All the inhabitants of Bagnara are dead." The town had about ten thousand people. In a few days time will be scattered over the heap of ruins which alone marks the site of a once populous town.

Such fragmentary news as is received from Reggio confirms the report that the city is practically wiped out. A laconic telegram from the telegraph operator from the country of which Reggio is the center, says:

"Reggio has been entirely destroyed. The local director of Telegraph and Post Offices is reported dead. Messina and Reggio look like Pompeii. The Perfect of Reggio, Signor Orso, who was thought to have been killed reached a point of safety after twenty-four hours of fearful experiences. He could hardly talk, but said Reggio is almost entirely destroyed. The dead ran into thousands. The surrounding villages are also devastated. The mayor of Sanzaia, province of Calabria, telegraphed that his town is practically destroyed and had 4,000 dead up to the time of reporting. The

rescuers had unearthed one hundred bodies.

Reports from Pizzo thirty miles to the west of here, declare the death list in the surrounding villages totals 3,325. The section around Pizzo experienced another shock last night, throwing the people into a panic. The remains of the church in Pizzo collapsed, but the scores of people in the building escaped.

A report received here from Sant Eufemis, a town of 6,000, sixteen miles northeast of Reggio, declared the dead there numbered 1,000, and the wounded exceed that. The houses not destroyed are now in flames.

Terrible Stories Related.

New York, Dec. 30.—Terrible stories are related in connection with the work of the rescuers in connection with the superstitions which are deeply rooted in the minds of the Sicilians. In many instances the injured men and women clung to the crumbling walls, refusing to let go their hold and seek a safer position.

Pouring into Naples.

Naples, Dec. 30.—The appalling magnitude of the tragedy in South Italy is being brought home to the people of the North by the arrival of the refugees, the wounded and the unscathed, from Messina. The fact that dying people are brought such a distance for medical aid shows the immensity of the disaster and the inadequacy of the relief measures at present.

The German steamer Serappin came into Naples today with 800 refugees. The condition of the wounded is pitiable as only a few had received medical attention. The Serappin had to come to Naples because all the hospitals of the principal towns of Sicily are overflowing, while not enough doctors and medical supplies, such as bandages and surgical instruments could be expected to be there.

It is thought that by tomorrow night fully 50,000 injured will be here. The municipality is realizing the difficulties of the situation, has appealed to the local population asking that such and hospitalities be given the unfortunate Sicilians. Several large buildings are being prepared to serve as hospitals.

Bishop Sessions Missing.

New Orleans, Dec. 30.—The Right Rev. David Sessions, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Louisiana is believed to be at Messina. Nothing has been heard from him.

Cheney and Wife Are Dead.

Washington, Dec. 30.—A dispatch was received at the State Department today from Consul Gale at Malta, confirming the report of the death of Consul Cheney and his wife at Messina. The body, the dispatch says, has not been recovered.

Water Thirty Feet Deep.

Monteleone, Dec. 30.—The tidal wave that swept into Reggio flooded the city to a depth of thirty feet above the sea level. Some houses along the water front were swept from their foundations and carried out to sea. Twelve miles of the railroad near Reggio was destroyed. A tempest added to the terror of the scene.

More Shocks Felt.

Syracuse, Sicily, Dec. 30.—Violent earthquake shocks were felt here at half past five this morning. The people were terrified and rushed from their houses into the surrounding country. Violent shocks were felt on the island of Utica, forty miles north of Sicily, last night.

Calania, Dec. 30.—Further earthquake shocks at Messina Tuesday night added to the panic of the survivors.

Mr. and Mrs. Prager Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Prager gave a Five Hundred party to a large number of friends at their home at the corner of First street and Richardson avenue. Fifteen games were played and the event was characterized by the jolly good time all seemed to be having. Delicious refreshments were served at a late hour.

The party was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Mendenhall, of Sapulpa, Okla.

YAGUI INDIANS MAKE

PEACE WITH MEXICO.

Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 29.—The long war with the Yaqui Indians in Mexico, in which scores have been killed at different times, including many Americans, has been terminated by a treaty of peace agreed upon by three Indian chiefs and 166 of their followers had the Governor of the state of Sonora, Mexico.

FIFTY MINERS KILLED IN WEST VIRGINIA MINE.

Ennis, W. Va., Dec. 30.—The fatalities in the Lick Branch mine, as the result of an explosion yesterday afternoon will probably reach fifty. Up to nine this morning twelve bodies had been taken out.

According to the mine foreman, there were 38 men in the mine with little chance of being recovered alive. The cause of the explosion is unknown. All the bodies are expected to be recovered today.

Situation Wanted.

Young man wants light outdoor work. Collecting preferred. Will collect on commission. Address J. J. C. The Record.

THE BOSTON WOOL

MARKET IS BOOMING.

Boston, Dec. 29.—The local wool market is again booming and active. Heavy sales in wool, pending during the past month, have recently been announced. More than 3,000,000 lbs. changed hands, and three-eighths and half bloods are being cleaned up at 22 1/2 to 23.

The Kansas City Stock Market.

Kansas City, Dec. 29.—Cattle receipts 2,000; market steady. Southern steers 3.50@5.50; southern cows 2.50@4.00; stockers and feeders 3.00@5.20; bulls 2.60@4.50; calves 4.00@7.50; western steers 3.70@5.75; western cows 2.75@4.50.

Hog receipts 21,000; market 5 to 10 cts. lower. Bulk of sales 5.40@5.85; heavy 5.80@5.95; packers and butchers 5.60@5.90; light 5.20@5.75; pigs 4.25@5.00.

Sheep receipts 7,000; market steady. Muttons 4.25@5.25; lambs 5.50@7.60; range wethers 4.00@6.65; fed ewes 3.00@4.75.

We now have a large stock of Carbon for the "Ideal Irons." Roswell Hardware Co. 58tf.

Watch Party New Year's Eve.

The Baptist Young People's Union will give a watch party at the First Baptist church tomorrow night, at 8 o'clock, p. m. The public is cordially invited to be present.

Will Observe New Year's

The merchants of Roswell will observe New Year's day as a holiday, and the following stores will be closed all day: Stine Shoe Company, Ford and Johnson, Joyce-Pruit Company, Price & Co., Jaffa, Prager & Co., Shepherd & Co., Watson-Finley Grocery Co., Morrison Bros., Williams & Co.

Notice

TO THE AUTOMOBILE PUBLIC—Are you in the market for a White Steamer? If so I will state that I have been notified by the White Co. that all contracts for 1909 cars must be in by January 10th, 1909, as their entire output will be contracted for by that time. I am at your service for demonstrating, if interested. Can sell used models if desired.—Louis Swartztrauber, Cor. Lea and McGaffey st. 5912*

"ANNA GOULD" WINS OUT

IN FRENCH LAW CASE. Paris, Dec. 30.—The petition of Count Boni de Castellane, that the custody of his three sons be given to the custody of his mother was denied today. The court ruled that the children remain in the custody of their mother, Princess de Sagan. The court ruled further that the children could not leave the continent with the permission of the court. Beginning next October they are to be placed in a college situated within one hundred miles of Paris.

If your subscription to the Ladies

Home Journal or the Saturday Evening Post, has expired, now is the time to send in your renewals.

Hattie L. Cobean, agent. Phone 166. 609 N. Main St. 5613

DOINGS AT THE NEW MEX-

ICO MILITARY INSTITUTE

All is quiet and busy again at the Military Institute, after the Christmas holiday, which this year was the longest the cadets have enjoyed for several years. Academic duties were suspended on but one day only, that being Friday, Christmas Day, but Saturday and Sunday were treated as a portion of the Christmas holiday and military duties, other than garrison requirements, were dispensed with. All of the cadets who live in Roswell

or in the towns immediately south of Roswell, were granted a three days' furlough.

At eight o'clock Monday morning following Christmas, every cadet, with one exception, was in place and the work started off as if no interruption had taken place. The absent cadet was detained at home on account of the illness of his mother, Mrs. S. Etchuray, of Carlsbad. He expects to return within a few days.

Monday morning was devoted to academic work until after ten o'clock. Then the battalion was taken on a hike, and, under the direction of the officers, worked out a practical problem in attack and defense in the broken ground west of North Spring river. The defense was commanded by Major Lohman, the attack by Colonel Barlow. Captain Murray acted as the judge and awarded the defense the credit of winning the fight. The boys

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entered into it with a great deal of spirit and it is hoped that many such problems are to be worked out during the remainder of the year.

A great deal of interest has been taken in basket ball. The gymnasium has been fitted up for the game and many cadets are showing up in the best of form. The team is to be trained by Captains Webster and Brugemann.

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Best Job Printing, Record Office.

L. B. Tannehill left on the auto this afternoon for El Paso.

Ernest Johnson went out over the auto today on a business trip west.

Tuttle and Wilcox Held.

A preliminary hearing was given Charles Tuttle and Dick Wilcox by Justice A. J. Welter this afternoon on the charge of aiding Clarence Renda to escape from the county jail on Christmas night. They were held to await the action of the grand jury, under a bond of \$500.

Joe Gunter Not Blamed.

A coroner's jury of six responsible citizens heard the evidence leading to the death of Reuben Rupert, before Justice A. J. Welter this afternoon and returned a verdict to the effect that he came to his death through the accidental discharge of a fire-cracker in the hands of Joe Gunter. The accidental character of the infliction of the injury that led to the man's death as shown in this verdict removes any criminal responsibility that might be thought to be attached to the man who lighted the cracker. The brother of the deceased arrived last night and arrangements will be made for the shipment of the body at once.

Correct legal blanks at Record.

AT ROSWELL NEXT TIME

NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF
SCHOOL TEACHERS MEET
HERE IN 1909.

DECISION MADE TODAY

Telegram from Superintendents Hill and Brasher Brings the News of the Victory for the Pecos Valley at the Territorial Meeting at Albuquerque. Will Be Big Event.

The Daily Record this afternoon received the following special from City Superintendent M. H. Brasher and County Superintendent C. C. Hill, who are in attendance at Albuquerque with a good delegation of Pecos Valley Teachers, in attendance at the New Mexico Teachers' Association:

"We have secured the next Territorial teachers' association meeting for Roswell."

It was known that the Pecos Valley teachers were going united to secure the next territorial meeting for Roswell, and this message proves the success of their efforts. It will be a big thing for Roswell, as three or four hundred teachers always attend the association meeting. Messrs. Hill and Brasher and their assistants are to be congratulated upon having secured the next meeting.

The contestant from Roswell was not given one of the prizes, but his oratorical work was of the best and was well received.

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The Wool Market.

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—Wool firm; Territory and western mediums 17@21; fine mediums 15@17; fine 12@14.

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU.

(Local Report. Observation Taken at 6:00 a. m.)

Roswell, N. M., Dec. 30.—Temperature, Max. 67; Min. 17; Mean 42. Precipitation 0. Wind 5 miles W. Weather clear.

Forecast for Roswell and Vicinity. Fair tonight and Thursday. Stationary temperature.

Comparative Temperature Data. Extremes this date last year:—Max 54; Min. 22.

Extremes this date 14 years' record:—Max. 75, 1897; Min. zero, 1895.

Notice to the Public!

On January 4th 1909 I will open up a grocery business at 408 North Main Street.

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